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(NOTAL) (C) AC/274-R/12, DATED 28 JAN 1974 (PARAS 94
AND 108). (NOTAL)

1. ON 28 JANUARY, NAC ADOPTED BY SILENT CONSENT
THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (SEE REF A)
INCORPORATING THE BELGIAN AND U.S. CONSOLIDATED
FOLLOW-UP REPORTS ON OIL SPILLS AND DISASTER ASSISTANCE,
RESPECTIVELY. IN SO DOING, THE COUNCIL ALSO REMINDED
MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE FOLLOWING ELEMENTS OF THE
ORIGINAL OIL SPILLS RESOLUTION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

BEGIN TEXT.

THE NATIONS OF THE ALLIANCE DECLARE THEIR RESOLVE (RESOLUTION
(1)(B&):
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- "...TO SEEK AN EARLY IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 1969
AMENDMENTS TO THE CONVENTION FOR PREVENTION OF
POLLUTION OF THE SEA BY OIL, 1954, AS AMENDED;"
AND (RECOMMENDATION 1.&&):

"(A) TO SEEK AN EARLY RATIFICATION OF THE 1969 AMENDMENTS TO THE CONVENTION FOR PREVENTION OF POLLUTION OF THE SEA BY OIL, 1954, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE OF THE INTER-GOVERNMENTAL MARITIME CONSULTATIVE ORGANIZATION (IMCO);
(B) TO ENCOURAGE THE UNIVERSAL RATIFICATION OF THE CONVENTION FOR PREVENTION OF POLLUTION OF THE SEA, 1954, AND ITS 1969 AMENDMENTS;
(C) TO URGE THE EARLY UNIVERSAL ADOPTION OF THE 1969 AMENDMENTS TO THE CONVENTION FOR PREVENTION OF POLLUTION OF THE SEA BY OIL, 1954, AS GUIDELINES FOR THE PREPARATION OF NATIONAL LEGISLATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF THEIR PRACTICAL APPLICATION AND ENFORCEMENT, IF POSSIBLE UNDER THEIR NATIONAL LEGAL REGIME, AND AS FAR AS COMPATIBLE WITH THE OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE PRESENT CONVENTION, IN ADVANCE OF THESE AMENDMENTS COMING INTO FORCE INTERNATIONALLY THROUGH THEIR RATIFICATION BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY;"

(&) ENDORSED BY THE COUNCIL ON 27TH NOVEMBER, 1970 (C-R(7060) AND ADOPTED BY MINISTERS ON 4TH DECEMBER, 1970 8C-R(70)61)
(&&) APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL ON 19TH MAY, 1971 (C-R(71)27 AND C-R(71)29 END TEXT.

THIS COUNCIL ACTION IS SET FORTH IN AC/274-D/40 (REF B).
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2. DEPARTMENT WILL NOTE THAT ABOVE COUNCIL ACTION IS IN LINE WITH AGREEMENT AT CCMS PLENARY LAST OCTOBER TO FORWARD BELGIAN OIL SPILLS FOLLOW-UP REPORT TO THE COUNCIL DRAWING PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THE MEASURES NEEDED TO IMPLEMENT RESOLUTION 1(B) AND RECOMMENDATIONS 1(A), (B) AND (C), AS URGED BY THE BELGIAN DELEGATION TO CCMS (REF C). FYI: DEPARTMENT WILL ALSO NOTE IN REF C, PARAS 97 AND 99, THAT BELGIUM, SUPPORTED BY CANADA, SUGGESTED AT THE CCMS PLENARY THAT ANOTHER
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EXPERT MEETING ON OIL SPILLS BE ORGANIZED IN 1975, THE RESOLUTION'S NEAR TERM DEADLINE FOR A DECISIVE INTERNATIONAL IMPACT ON THE PROBLEM, IN ORDER TO TAKE STOCK OF THE SITUATION AND REVIEW THE LATEST TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENTS. WE UNDERSTAND FROM CDR. MARC RENSON, WHO HAS COORDINATED THE BELGIAN COSTAL WATER POLLUTION ACTIVITY IN CCMS, THAT HE IS CURRENTLY IN CONTACT WITH MR. TONY CAMPBELL OF THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT ON THIS MATTER. END FYI.RUMSFELD

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